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1. ACCORDING TO AN INFORMED SOURCE, THE FONOFF IS
"FAVORABLY DISPOSED" TOWARDS THE THREE SUGGESTIONS MADE
BY GISCARD IN HIS LETTER ON IMPROVING THE FUNCTIONING
OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. IT REGARDS GISCARD'S DIVISION
OF DISCUSSION SUBJECTS INTO THREE DISTINCT CATEGORIES
AS TOO RIGID AND ARBITRARY, HOWEVER.

2. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE FONOFF RESISTS A TENDENCY ON
THE PART OF GISCARD TO COMPARTMENTALIZE OVERLY THE WORK
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OF THE VARIOUS EC BODIES AND, IN THIS CONTEXT, TO
EMPHASIZE THE WORK OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. THE FONOFF
THOUGHT THAT FRENCH RESISTANCE TO MIXING POLITICAL
COOPERATION BUSINESS WITH COUNCIL BUSINESS IN THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, FOR EXAMPLE, HAD BEEN OVERCOME
SOMEWHAT. IT PERCEIVES A RESURRECTION OF TRADITIONAL
FRENCH OBJECTIONS IN GISCARD'S LETTER AND DOES NOT LIKE

IT.

3. OUR SOURCE ALSO SEES THE SAME TENDENCY IN GISCARD'S SPEECH IN STRASBOURG. THERE HE SPOKE OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND PARLIAMENT AS BEING THE TWO PILLARS OF AUTHORITY IN THE EC AND IGNORED THE BRUSSELS INSTITUTIONS. WHILE THE FONOFF HAS ITS OWN RESERVATIONS ABOUT HOW THE COMMISSION IS PRESENTLY OPERATING, IT ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND THE POLITICAL COOPERATION MECHANISM.

4. NEVERTHELESS, THE FONOFF SEES MUCH MERIT IN GISCARD'S SUGGESTIONS. IT WELCOMES INITIATIVES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETINGS. IT ALSO HAS BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE HIGH EXPECTATIONS EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETINGS RAISE IN THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC, WHICH CONTRAST WITH THE LACK OF REAL SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS LATELY IN THE MEETINGS. THUS, WHILE THE FONOFF HAS SOME OBJECTIONS, IT SUPPORTS FULLY THE AIM OF GISCARD'S PROPOSALS.
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